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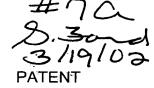PDNO 10982056-1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : Group Art Unit: 2152
    Carter et al.   :
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Serial No. 09/272,810   : Examiner Le H. Luu
Filed: March 19, 1999   :
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For: **NETWORK SERVER USING LOCAL INFORMATION TO DETECT TIMED-OUT CLIENT REQUESTS**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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AMENDMENT

In response to the office action dated October 26, 2001, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the section entitled "Summary of the Invention"

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1-20 with the following, and add claim 21 below.

1. In a server, a method of handling a network connection, the network connection including a client-to-server channel and a server-to-client channel, the method comprising:

examining local server information to determine whether the client-to-server channel is still established; and